

Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform

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Hon. Mark Meadows
United States House of Representatives
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Longworth House Office Building
Independence and New Jersey Avenues, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: H.R. 2623 – The Lessening Regulatory Costs and Establishing a Federal Regulatory Budget Act of 2017

Dear Representative Meadows:

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR). MHARR is a Washington, D.C.-based trade organization representing producers of federally-regulated manufactured housing. MHARR's members are primarily small businesses located in all regions of the United States.

The production of manufactured homes — the nation's most affordable source of non-subsidized housing and home-ownership—is comprehensively regulated at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). While federal law specifically compels HUD to account for the continuing affordability of manufactured homes in connection with the development, enforcement and interpretation of all its manufactured housing standards and regulations, both the industry and the millions of American consumers who rely upon it for safe, decent and affordable housing, have — particularly over the last ten years — been devastated as a result of excessive, unnecessary and unnecessarily-costly over-regulation by HUD (and unaccountable HUD contractors).

Insofar as your proposed legislation – H.R. 2623, the "Lessening Regulatory Costs and Establishing a Federal Regulatory Budget Act of 2017" – would, among other things, codify and implement, on an institutional basis, the regulatory reform Executive Orders put in place by President Trump earlier this year, MHARR <u>fully supports</u> that bill and its ultimate adoption by Congress, and will contact your office soon to schedule a meeting regarding this crucial legislation.

Sincerely,

Mark Weiss

President and CEO